

## **2018 Council Candidate Questionnaire Responses – St. James**

**Candidates:** Shawn Dobson, Scott Gillingham, Kurt Morton

### ***1. Do you support public services and what is your plan for providing better city services to Winnipeg Residents?***

**Shawn Dobson:** (No response received)

**Scott Gillingham:** (No response received)

**Kurt Morton:** I strongly support better city services. If elected, I will work towards the implementation of a strategy to replace aging city buildings with new, modern, energy efficient buildings to better meet the needs of our communities. As well, I support the modernization of 311, ensuring that we have enough staff to lower wait times as well as creating more options to contact 311 like quicker email replies and a live chat service. It's important that we look at value for our money. Rather than overall cost, we should be looking at cost per user. To increase facility use and achieve a lower cost per user, we need to lower user fees and increase operating hours.

### ***2: Do you think that everyone who is delivering city services and paid through taxpayer dollars, deserve to make a living wage?***

**Shawn Dobson:** (No response received)

**Scott Gillingham:** (No response received)

**Kurt Morton:** Yes, absolutely. It's crucial that cost controls take place through smarter spending and investing, rather than on the backs of workers. Anyone working full-time delivering city services should be able to support themselves on their wage.

### ***3. If elected, will you support a living wage policy for the City of Winnipeg that will apply to city workers and private city contractors?***

**Shawn Dobson:** (No response received)

**Scott Gillingham:** (No response received)

**Kurt Morton:** If elected, I will support a living wage policy for the City of Winnipeg that will apply to city workers and private city contractors.